

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the Abstract originally appearing on page 19 of the application with the following rewritten paragraph:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A semiconductor device assembly and method of making the device ~~is~~ are disclosed. The assembly comprises a semiconductor die attached to an electrically conductive layer, which ~~is~~ is, ~~in turn~~ turn, connected to a dielectric layer carrying conductive traces of the electrical connection layer. The conductive traces provide connection between an array of discrete conductive elements and bonding wires connected to bond pads of the die. The conductive layer enhances thermal conduction and structural stiffness for the assembly. In addition, the conductive layer provides a voltage reference plane that may be connected to a power source, a ground source, or an intermediate reference voltage. The conductive layer also includes at least one electrical current isolation slot, which segments the conductive layer to help isolate noise induced in one segment of the conductive layer from the other segments.